Delay in issuance of passports

200. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether passports are not being issued within stipulated time-frame on account of police verification report; and

(b) if so, the action taken to counter the increasing number of pending passport applications in regional passport offices all over the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH) : (a) Issuance of passports in most cases gets delayed due to non-receipt of police verification report, incomplete/ incorrect filling of the application forms or shortage of staff in the Central Passport Organisation.

(b) The number of pending passport applications in all the Passport Offices is monitored on a weekly basis. Cases of delay in Police Verification are taken up with the State Police authorities.

Violation of commitment by Pakistani President

201. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA :

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the statement made by the Pakistani President that he did not promise to close terrorist camps and to stop infiltration across the Line of Control;